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UPDATE

Anniversary ceremony

General Dynamics Resident School anniversary ceremony is 9:30 a.m., today in Brant Hall, Building 25810.

Parking will be available in the parking lot located on the west side between Brant and Cobb halls.For information, call 791-

Command program

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month command program is 1:30 p.m. Monday in Alexander Hall.

The guest speaker is Dr. Madhavi Martin, a research scientist with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Theme for this month's observance is "Freedom for All, A Nation We Call Our Own." Food samples will be provided.

Change of responsibility

The 297th Military Intelligence Battalion Change of Responsibility Ceremony is at 10 a.m. Wednesday on Barton Parade Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford McGhee Jr. will relinquish responsibility to Command Sqt. Maj. Lloyd Thornton.

For information call 791-8437.

Train tickets

The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation presents Train in concert at 8 p.m. June 18 at Barton Field. Tickets cost \$10 through Sunday, \$15 as of Monday, and \$20 at the gate. Advance tickets available at the Post Exchange, Aladdin Travel, the bowling center, Fort Gordon credit union and the dinner theater.

For information, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389.

Asian Pacific celebration

An Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **May** 27 at the Reserve Center, Building 14407. The luncheon features Polynesian dancers, door prizes and more.

Tickets cost \$5. For information, call 791-4991.

Teen volunteers

American Red Cross is currently accepting applications for the Teen Volunteer Program for teens age 14 and up.

Applications may be picked up in the Red Cross Office located at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Room 3D-09 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information contact Linda Yehle at 787-6311.

Fire department readies for HAZMAT response drill

Sgt. Sam Smith Signal staff

The Fort Gordon Fire Department sprang into action May 6 at its training area, rehearsing responding to a hazardous material spill.

The emphasis for the exercise was not only to make sure the firefighters could tackle the problem, but communicate with the other agencies responding to the scene - special reaction team, military police, installation operations center, emergency medical services, criminal investigasponse force and the public affairs office.

"My communications could have been better, but everything else went well," said Matt Williams, assistant fire chief. "We have to work on our communications."

The simulated HAZMAT situation they responded to was a leaky chlorine gas tank. Firefighters responded in Level A HAZMAT suits and quickly sealed the tank.

The exercise was preparation for the Joint Services Installation Pilot Project evaluation. JSIPP is the project which funded the Fort Gordon HAZMAT response team and bought the equipment.

On Thursday, JSIPP will stage an exercise here to detions command, quick re-termine how well trained responders are using the equipment purchased, and how good inter-service communi-

Chamberlain Avenue

Ongoing infrastructure upgrades and road improvements will drive motorists onto

Of the three posts selected for JSIPP funding, including Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Gordon received the least amount of funding at about \$1.5 million. About \$800,000 went to equipment, such as a decontamination trailer and the Level A HAZMAT suits.

After several minutes in the suits, the firefighters were obviously dehydrated and exhausted.

"This is the closest you're going to get to a real world event.," said John Houpt, the Fort Gordon emergency manager. "I want you to walk out of here completely depleted."

"I want you to think, take you down to every emotion. If you're going to do it, let's push it to the limits."



Post firefighters donned Class A hazardous materials suits

PCS advice at relocation fair

May 6 to participate in a HAZMAT response drill.

Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Hart

Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office Service in the U.S. Armed

Forces requires the servicemember to relocate many times during their active duty career.

Known as permanent change of station moves, they require precise planning, constant coordination of elements, and cooperation of current and gaining chain of command, family members, and most importantly, a lot of time.

In an effort to streamline PCS moves, Fort Gordon's Army Community Service sponsored a relocation fair May 6 in Darling Hall. The event brought together a host of directorates with responsibility for the general welfare of the military community.

Lanny Valentine, Fort Gordon's relocation program manager, is an originator of the fair's concept. He wants to lessen the stress that servicemembers associate with PCSing.

"One of the hardest things about relocation has always been all the different offices and different agencies that are involved,

that the Soldier has to visit to ask questions, to get information and to pick up forms."

The relocation fair is an opportunity to get all activities and agencies involved with relocation together, "at one time to give the Soldier an opportunity to come in and talk to housing, talk to transportation, talk to finance and put all the (little) pieces of this puzzle together at one time and sort out any questions that they might have without having to run back and forth between one office and another," he said, adding that the fair is a first-time Fort Gordon ACS initiative.

One of the more popular sections of the event was the transportation booth.

"The Relocation Fair enabled Fort Gordon's transportation professionals to update Soldiers and family members on the latest information on air travel, Do-it-Yourself moves, inbound and outbound household goods shipments and the shipment of privately owned vehicles," said Staff Sgt. Franklin Green, installation transportation assistant.

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Chamberlain Avenue will be closed at Rice Road Monday to upgrade water piping

Graphic by Tommy Cooper

Additional guards face courts-martial for abuse

secondary roads at one of the post's key intersections.

beneath the roadway. The road will be closed through May 24.

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample American Forces Press Service

Detoured

WASHINGTON – Two more U.S. soldiers will face military courts- martial in the abuse of Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison, coalition officials in Baghdad said Wednesday.

Military spokesman Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said that Sgt. Jarval S. Davis and Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Frederick II face five charges each. The five charges against Davis are: con-

spiracy to maltreat subordinates, dereliction of duty for negligently failing to protect detainees from abuse, maltreatment of detainees, rendering false official statements and assault. Charges referred against Frederick are con-

spiracy to maltreat subordinates and detainees, dereliction of duty for negligently failing to protect detainees from abuse, maltreatment of detainees, assault, and wrongfully committing an indecent act by watching detainees commit a sexual act. Also, Kimmitt reported that 315 detainees are

scheduled to be released from the Abu Ghraib prison at 9 a.m. today. He said a second prisoner release at Abu Ghraib is scheduled for May 21. Coalition officials say between 2,500 and 3,000 individuals in the Iraqi criminal detention system have been designated as "criminal de-

Meanwhile, senior Coalition Provisional Authority spokesman Dan Senor said multiple agencies will be involved in investigating the

murder of Nicholas Berg, an American businessman who was beheaded by hooded assailants last week. A videotape of the murder was posted on a Web site with al Qaeda ties Tuesday.

The Army's Criminal Investigative Division and the FBI will have a role in the investigation, Kimmitt said, adding that the lead agency will be announced shortly. "The U.S. government is committed to a very thorough and robust investigation to get to the bottom of this," Senor said.

Berg's body was discovered Saturday alongside a road near Baghdad, and his family was notified of his death Monday, Senor said. He had registered with U.S. diplomatic officials in Iraq, was in Iraq of his own accord, and did not work for the CPA or any CPA contractor, the coalition spokesman explained. Berg reported that he entered Iraq through Jordan, he added, and that he was in Iraq for business purposes.

Iraqi police arrested Berg in the Mosul area on March 24, Senor said. The FBI visited with Berg on three occasions while he was in Iraqi police detention, and was determined by FBI investigators not to be involved with any criminal or terrorist activities, Senor said. Berg was released April 6, he added.

Senor said U.S. authorities advised Berg to leave the country, noting that the State Department had issued a travel advisory warning American citizens about travel through Iraq and the risks involved.

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Image by Spc. Katrina Nichols

Pvt. Steven Marlow, Company D, 447th Signal Battalion, examines literature at the first-ever relocation fair here May 6. Sponsored by Army Community Service, the fair provided information about moving from a variety of agencies.

Army leaders condemn Iraqi detainee abuse in testimony

Joe Burlas Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The alleged detainee abuse by some 320th Military Police Battalion guards at the Abu Ghraib prison is not as widespread as some believe, according to initial findings of an investigation into that abuse, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker recently told

congressmen. Schoomaker and acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee joined Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers in discussing the alleged detainee abuse with members of the Senate and House Armed Services Com-

mittees during separate com- the incidents personally as he tive forces. mittee meetings May 7.

Referring to the investigation conducted in February by Maj. Gen. Antonio general for Support, Coalition Forces Land Component Command, into the specifics of the alleged detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib – and to see if few," Schoomaker said. similar abuse may be occurring elsewhere in Iraq -Schoomaker said the Taguba report praised three MP battalions in Iraq for doing the detainee job right with similar missions and under similar circumstances as the 320th MP Battalion.

Though not in the operational chain of command of the Schoomaker said he still took

is responsible for providing combatant commanders trained and ready forces.

'There is no question that Taguba, deputy commanding the potential consequences of this incident are huge, but we must not forget that they are not representative of the Army or that they are the acts of a

> He said the Army is taking the incident very seriously, but the system will work to punish those responsible, and the Army will learn and adapt from what it learns.

Asked if improper training of an Army Reserve unit led to the situation at Abu Ghraib, Schoomaker replied that the Army has only one standard for MPs accused of detainee abuse, all units, whether they are Reserve, National Guard and ac-

Brownlee told the committees that preliminary investigations show that the vast majority of Soldiers within CENTCOM are fully aware of their responsibilities to treat detainees humanely and live up to Army values.

"We will find how and why this happened, and will ensure those responsible for these shameful and illegal acts are held accountable," Brownlee said.

The secretary listed some actions that Army has already taken to ensure similar incidents do not occur:

• Refresher training on the Law of Land Warfare and the responsibilities of the Geneva and Hague Conventions with special emphasis on the handling of prisoners and other detainees has been given to all MP and military intelligence Soldiers who are involved with detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

• All deploying Army Reserve MI Soldiers are mobilized at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., so that they get the most current instruction on their responsibilities prior to deployment.

 Mobile MP training teams have been sent to all 10 combat training centers to ensure the detainee instruction is part of advanced individual training and other courses.

 Lessons learned from complete and ongoing investigations are being distributed to the Army's National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., and the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany, so that appropriate detainee scenarios can test units in detainee operations prior to deployment.

The alleged abuse is in sharp contrast to the vast majority of Soldiers who are serving honorably and well in more than 120 countries across the globe, Brownlee said.







Photo by Jimmy Buffington Federal employees recognized

Fort Gordon hosted the annual Federal Employees of the Year recognition ceremony Tuesday. Organized by the CSRA Federal Executive Association, 15 employees from a variety of local federal agencies were honored at the Gordon Club luncheon. Judy Wyatt, Fort Gordon's Employee of the Year, was among the honorees. Emceed by Richard Rogers, news anchor for WRDW-TV, the event featured Terry Elam as keynote speaker. Elam, seen here with attendees, has been president of Augusta Technical College since 1997.

VA expands operations on post

Joe Burlas

Army News Service **WASHINGTON** – The De-

partment of Veterans Affairs has expanded its liaison offices to now support 136 military installations to assist with Soldier transition from active duty and it is working to make it easier for disabled Soldiers to get the help they need, according to the VA's top official.

VA Secretary Anthoni Principi spoke with the press during a media briefing on the Disabled Soldier Support System April 30.

"I don't believe in red tape," said Principi, a Vietnam War veteran. "If a disabled Soldier on active duty comes to us, we are going to take care of (him)."

Part of the expanded VA service on military installations is ensuring a VA counselor talks to wounded veterans in military

hospitals before those veterans are discharged from the military. Those hospitals include Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; Eisenhower Army Medical Center; Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas; and Madigan Army Medical Center, Washington.

The VA is also making a dedicated effort to reach out to the latest generation of combat veterans. Principi is sending out a letter to more than 150,000 veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. That letter thanks the veterans for their service and reminds them of VA benefits they may

be entitled to. The letter explaining benefits is in addition to the VA briefings given to approximately 200,000 servicemembers annually as those individuals outprocess from the military.

"VA has learned many lessons since the Gulf War in 1991 and other conflicts, which will ensure this newest generation of war veterans receives the healthcare and assistance they deserve when they return to civilian life," Principi said.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom 4,579 Soldiers have been wounded in combat and another 10,387 suffered other injuries or illness through May 7. In Operation Enduring Freedom, 210 Soldiers have been wounded in combat and 2,105 suffered other injuries or illness. The second largest federal department - Department of Defense being the largest – the VA is responsible for operating nationwide programs for veteran health care, financial assistance and burial benefits. There are currently about 26 million U.S. veterans alive today.

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Racing the clock at...

Nurses' Week

Denise Allen
Signal staff

The concept seemed simple enough – two people carrying a stretcher in a

race against the clock.

However, as Loretta
Guice and Staff Sgt. Eddie
Fields rounded a corner in
front of Eisenhower Army
Medical Center, they encountered a few surprise
obstacles – nurses armed
with water guns and throwing water balloons.

The litter race was one of several "fun day" activities May 6 designed to help celebrate Nurses' Week. Also on fun day, nurses in teams of two raced each other and the clock to make beds. There were water balloon tosses and a bed pan race as well.

"This is a special day in Nurses' Week," said Maj. Rick Martin, the assistant head nurse on the surgical floor. "They are going to be making beds, showing off their nursing skills, and relax."

Some of the water activities were welcome as the temperatures climbed into the 90s.

"It's fun. It's a wonderful day and a chance for everyone to get out and enjoy themselves," said Zelda Jones.

Other events in celebration of Nurses' Week included an awards ceremony and a cake reception. Activities tried to include as many nurses as possible.

"You don't usually see the general (Brig. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker) in our ward, but he got up early as part of the muffin brigade to provide an early breakfast for the night shift," said Martin.

While May 6 was a day of fun and games, Eisenhower's nurses take their job seriously and say they are honored to fill the post.

"I enjoy taking care of people," Martin said. In any given week, he said he can care for patients Trat. General and Company of the Com

Photos by Denise Allen

Vera Larry (left) and Maj. Joe Winter make a practice run in the bed making contest outside Eisenhower Army Medical Center May 6.

who served in World War II, in Iraq or in Vietnam.

The desire to care for people is found in career nurses such as Martin, and flows to the youngest of Soldiers.

"I like helping people," said Pfc. Beki Gallardo, who joined the Army about a year ago and has been at

EAMC since October. "I like my job."

And it wasn't only the nurses giving each other pats on the back.

"A lot of the doctors and

staff have been saying
"Happy Nurses' Week,'"
said 2nd Lt. Matthew
Marsh, who joined the fun
in the bed making contest.

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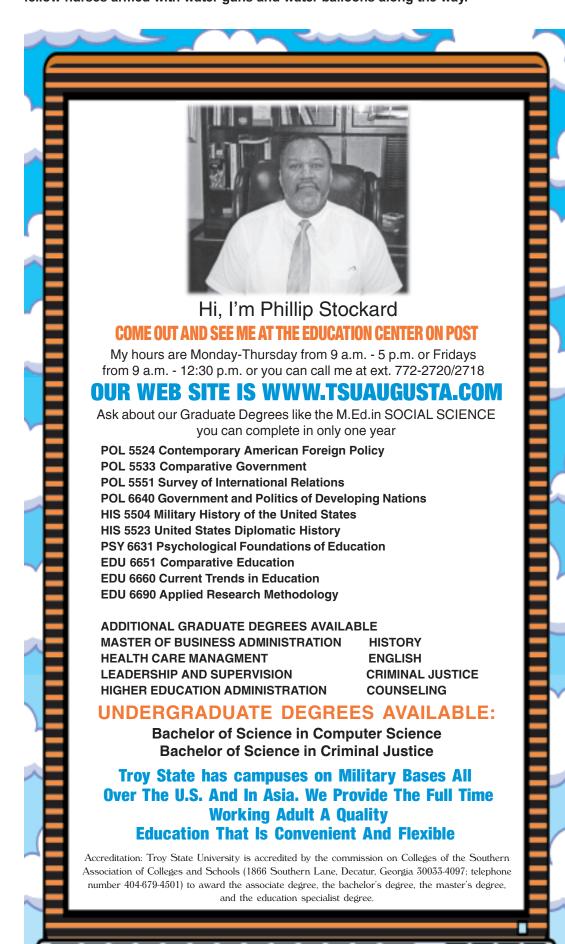
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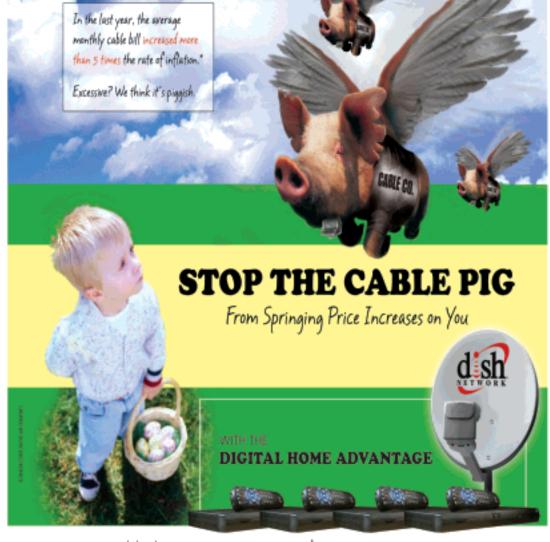
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Signaleers test equipment

93rd Signal Brigade

Soldiers from the 56th Signal Battalion, 63rd Signal Battalion, and 67th Signal Battalion had the opportunity to show their stuff as they trained, commissioned and revalidated the AN/TYC-24 Tactical Message System for secure messaging, April 12-May 7 at Dixon Hall and the 93rd Signal Brigade's Theater Network Operations Security Control Center.

"TMS is the tactical arm of the Defense Message System," said Capt. Consuello Hodges, brigade network manager and TMS network planner, 93rd Signal Brigade. "This thing is Army wide, and having the 93rd's Soldiers here demonstrating the system really makes the hard work spent in planning at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; and Fort Monmouth, N.J., well worth it," he said.

"The idea here is to extend the same DMS messaging service used in garrison to deployed units," said Hodges. "TMS provides that seamless integration. It provides a local area network on wheels in a tactical environment. The compact TMS hardware, which includes three laptop computers, a router (all operated from transit cases), and a two-kilowatt generator, is transportable in a single Humvee. That replaces the five-ton, truck-mounted AN/TYC-39 Automatic Digital Network message switch."



Capt. Consuello Hodges (left), HHC, 93rd Signal Brigade network manager and TMS network planner, describes the AN/TYC-24 Tactical Message System to 93rd Signal Brigade Soldiers at the Theater Network Operations Security Control Center during the commissioning and revalidating phases, May 3-7.

which is part of the TMS suites, allows units to have both secure and nonsecure messaging in one system," said Robert Schreurs, TMS functional area expert and instructor with Titan Corporation, U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command located at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

"Having the training and revalidation at South Theater gave us a chance to show the down to a science. It all went team lead.

who will be implementing the software backbone of TMS into their organization. The response was fantastic,' Schreurs said.

Exchange 2003 Server represents a leap in technology for the DMS program. Less than 45 minutes elapsed from the Soldiers working out the administrative issues to having the TMS system up and (Network) Operational Center running. "We've got this ful," said William Hunt, Titan

The Exchange 2003 server, system in action to the people together really smooth, as planned," said Staff Sgt. Jason Bonner, 63rd Sig. Bn. information assurance security officer.

"It was a demanding schedule to train 13 new personnel and revalidate five TMS suites for the 93rd Signal Brigade in the time allotted. But due to focused and motivated Soldiers and support personnel within this command, it was success-

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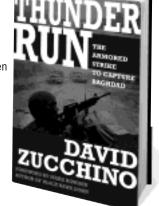
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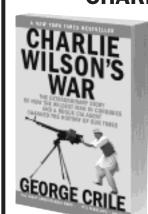
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Iraq

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Kimmitt said reports that terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zargawi committed Berg's murder cannot be confirmed. The claim on the Web site where the murder videotape was posted is the only indication thus far that Zarqawi was involved, the general said. "We don't have, at this point, any other intelligence corroborating that either he was or was not involved in the murder," he added.

Zarqawi, the author of an intercepted letter to al Qaeda leaders detailing plans to derail democracy in Iraq by committing terrorist acts and instigating civil war, has a \$10 million bounty on his head.

Senor said that the "thoughts and prayers" of the coalition are with the Berg family and their community. "Sometimes the banality of terrorist acts speaks for itself," he said.

At the same Baghdad news conference, Kimmitt provided

details of recent incidents and military operations in Iraq.

Insurgents attacked a neighborhood market in Kirkuk Monday, killing four Iraqi civilians and wounding 25 others. Kimmitt said the attacker used an improvised explosive device consisting of a rocket, C-4 explosives and propane tanks.

cordon-and-search of the complex and were attacked by two the general said. rocket-propelled grenades which struck a Bradley fighting vehicle and wounded one coalition Soldier. He said coalition forces requested close air support, resulting in five enemies killed.

Hours after the initial engagement, however, coalition forces reported Sadr militia members had reorganized and established a fighting position in the nearby Mukaym shrine, he said. Kimmitt reported that

Iraqi security forces cleared the ership of Iraqi Army Gen. shrine while coalition forces maintained the outer cordon.

Iraqi police secured the area and rescued five Iraqi police officers who were discovered bound and gagged inside one of the Mukaym complex buildings. "Inside the mosque, coalition forces found extensive Kimmitt said on Tuesday weapons caches, and three coalition forces conducted a other weapons caches were discovered in the nearby area,'

Despite violence elsewhere in Iraq, in Fallujah the security situation remains calm, Kimmitt said. No cease-fire violations have been reported in the past week, he said, a possible indication that religious leaders who are calling for peace are getting their message across.

In addition, Kimmitt said that the coalition is "quite pleased" with the command structure that's operating within Fallujah under the lead-

"Obviously we're starting to see some results," he pointed out. "We still have objectives to at-

Mohammed Latif.

tain, but at this point, I would say that the Marines are quite pleased with the efforts and the command of General Latif."

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Relocation

From page 1

Stephen Marlow, Company D, 447th Signal Battalion, is planning his first PCS move soon.

"I spoke to a lady who gave me a list of everything that I will have to have before I PCS, which is good because I was a little unsure of some of the information," he said.

Marlow also stated "I may be going to school in the near future and got information on schools

Attendees to the event picked up valuable (at the fair)." Most importantly, he saw the fair information, advice and knowledge. Pvt. as a benefit to the first-term servicemember. "I think it would be very helpful to a lot of the younger Soldiers who are 18 or 19 years old." The Army has historically placed heavy em-

phasis on having strong reception and integration programs for incoming personnel.

The relocation fair gives Soldiers the help and guidance they need when they are preparing to leave for a new assignment.



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After finishing my initial training, I entered into the Army workforce still immature at heart. I passed all the tests and excelled at the tasks set before me, but in my soul I had not grasped the true essence of what it meant to be a Soldier.

I was not able to make it to work on time, and was juggling an Army career and a family at the same time. I was failing in all areas of my life. I can attribute this to still being irresponsible and selfish. I joined the Army late in life, and for many years my time was for me, I went to work when I wanted and answered to no woman about what I was doing with my time.

I received repeated warnings from my chain of command, yet I paid no heed to their warnings. I would fail to appear day after day, and finally they had enough.

Instead of sending me up the creek, my NCOs took a special interest in me. They made me be an adult and take responsibility for my actions. The concept was alien to my course of thinking. I not only had to be in the Army, but I could be a part of something bigger. I could be made into a well performing Soldier, whose battle buddies could count on him in a time of pressure and stress.

Although I was the guy in the unit everyone was sure they could not depend on, with the tough love I was shown by my NCOs, I slowly became aware of the man and the Soldier I wanted to be. Every unit has one of

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Patriotism comes from lifetime of determination

Army Public Affairs

Let me begin by saying what an honor it is to address such a distinguished group of military men and women, veterans, and fellow citizens. Most of all. I am honored to address you collectively, as a noble gathering of patriotic Americans. Former Secretary of State Adlai Stephenson once posed this question to his countrymen: 'What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times?' Stephenson thought that it meant a sense of national responsibility. He added that true patriotism does not consist of short frenzied outbursts of emotion. Rather, it consists of the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

On this occasion, the 54th observance of Armed Forces Day, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that I know 2.6 million Americans who exemplify that type of patriotism. They are the young men and women of America's Armed Services. It is true that they wear different uniforms, and that they perform different missions. And it is also true that each branch of our Armed Forces has a unique set of traditions. The Soldier looks back with pride to the victory at Yorktown, and to the origins of the People's Army. The Sailor remembers the sacrifices made by his forefathers at Pearl Harbor, and the triumph they achieved at Midway. The Airman recalls the heroic efforts of the Air Force in breaking the Berlin Blockade. The Marine gazes stoically upon the sea of graves at Iwo Jima and says: Semper Fi, my brothers, Semper Fi. And the Coastguardsman bears proud witness to the days of the Revenue Service, when Congress first authorized the use of force to uphold

But at their core, any American who wears the uniform shares the same tradition - the tradition of service before self. All embrace the true meaning of patriotism - that taking responsibility for this nation's destiny is Job One. Whether American Servicemen and women serve on the ground, in the air, or on the high seas, all share the basic belief that actions speak louder than words - that steadfast vigilance and selfless sacrifice is the eternal price of freedom.

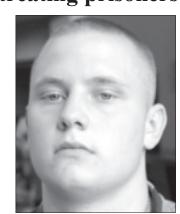
Fifty-four years ago today, President Harry Truman asked each branch of the Armed Forces to cease observation of their individual service days. Instead, he asked them to join together in establishing a single day to honor all Americans serving in uniform. Truman's actions came at a time when our military establishment was undergoing the most radical transformation in history. Building on the lessons of the Second World War, the Defense Department was established in 1947 to ensure that America had the most powerful, most cost-effective, and most integrated military capability in the world.

We have only to look back on the last halfcentury of American history to realize the wisdom of Truman's actions. Compared to the rest of the world, America requires a very low proportion of her people to serve in uniform. Our combined active and reserve forces currently represent less than 1 percent of our population - the lowest rate since the Civil War. Compared to all other industrialized nations, America also spends the lowest percentage of her gross domestic product on defense. Yet we have managed to build the most

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Feedback

What should happen to the Soldiers accused of mistreating prisoners?



They have to play it as they see it. The Iraqi treated us like crap. I think we should follow the Geneva Convention, but we shouldn't take b.s. from them. Pvt. Michael Turner

Company D, 447th Signal Battalion



(They should get) The worst punishment possible. Spc. Amanda Fackler 297th Military Intelligence

Battalion

Focus TF links joint virtual training to 'box'

Gary Sheftick Army News Service

Transformation at the Army's combat training centers has accelerated to support the Global War on Terror while driving a cultural shift toward a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabili-

That is the message from Brig. Gen. Timothy D. Livsey, the deputy commanding general for training at the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Livsey also heads up the Army's CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force, which developed the implementation plan to change the Army's capstone training program.

Lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan are being injected into CTC training scenarios in "almost near real time," said Livsey. "If an IED (improvised explosive device) goes off over there or an ambush happens, we're feeding that to trainers and to the units getting ready to deploy."

This streamlined delivery of lessons learned, Livsey said, has an impact on all training rotations at the Army's CTCs. The maneuver box or "dirt" CTCs include the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.; the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.; and the Combat Maneuver Training Center at Hohenfels, Germany. These focus at the tactical maneuver brigade level. The Battle Command Training Program is also part of the CTC



Photo by Gary Sheftick

A convoy of the 2nd Unit of Action, 3rd Infantry Division, rolls north in the maneuver box last month at NTC.

program, and provides simulationassisted command post exercises for brigade and higher-level organi-

CTC training is full spectrum, he said, meaning leaders and Soldiers train on offensive and defensive warfighting as well as stability operations — often concurrently.

The Army is also linking battles on the ground at its three maneuver CTCs with simulation-supported training at Fort Leavenworth, the Joint Warfighting Center in Suffolk, Va., and other simulation centers. This distributive training network was enabled by the recently established DoD Joint National Training Capability, or JNTC, Livsey said. He said this "realistic live-virtualconstructive training environment" will better prepare deploying units to operate as part of a joint, interagency, and multinational force as

they face "unpredictable and highly adaptive enemies.'

The CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force was charged by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker to "Rescope the CTC program to train in a joint context.'

Livsey said the task force includes representatives from all major commands, and ranks range from generals to junior observercontrollers at dirt CTCs. It also includes retirees who have participated in BCTP exercises, troops who recently returned from Iraq, and Soldiers who submitted ideas

through a collaborative Web site. "The Web site was an enabler that saved time and kept us from locking people in a room for five weeks and throwing pizzas under the door," according to Livsey.

"We work very closely with JFCOM [Joint Forces Command] in

creating architectures that are joint," Livsey said. For instance, during an NTC rotation, about 5,400 blue force soldiers pop up on a common operational picture screen at JFCOM neadquarters in Suffolk.

"If you look at some of the databases we build for both constructive and virtual training, you're going to see many similarities,' Livsey said. "We're continuing to mature and advance, and the catalyst is the JNTC program," emphasizing that the Joint National Training Capability is really a global capability.

As the CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force developed its implementation plan toward training in a joint context, Livsey said it was also influenced by other focus areas specifically, Task Force Modularity.

The Combined Arms Center-Training is now developing training models for modular units and defining the specific effects that units must experience at the CTCs to understand the joint context in which they will be expected to fight. Livsey stated that a new Combined Arms Center for Training (CAC-T) white paper on training in a joint context recognizes that other services need to be involved in both maneuver CTC and BCTP rotations, along with interagency and multinational participation. For example, the paper states that in the future, joint fires at the centers may be delivered by air, land, naval, special operations

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Not totally sure, but (they should) do some investigation to see the purpose of their ac-

Pvt. Edward Killmeier Company D, 447th Signal **Battalion**



Their chain of command should deal with them accord-

1st Lt. E. Travonte Moten Company B, 447 Signal **Battalion**



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awesome military capability in the history of mankind. That certainly speaks volumes about the strengths of our defense establishment - and the economic system that supports it.

And there is no doubt that our defense establishment has given our country an unmatched advantage in technology. America has led the most recent revolution in military affairs. Our tanks, planes, ships, and our weapons are the envy of every nation in the world. Just their very presence fulfills the highest mandate of the Constitution - to defend against enemies, foreign and domestic.

But it is a mistake for anyone to believe that smart bombs or advanced weapons platforms represent our greatest weapons. To the contrary, any adversary who has ever faced an American in combat knows that it is the idealism of our service personnel that make us strong. For the American Soldier does not fight for glory, or for spoils, or for the love of war. These things are completely opposed to what it means to be a son or a daughter of democracy. To the contrary, an American Soldier fights for ideals, and a way of life. And there is nothing more precious to national defense than volunteer Soldiers who fight for things they believe in.

This has been true from the earliest days of the Republic. When George Washington addressed his troops in the winter of 1776, he knew his Army was hanging on by a thread. They had been defeated at New York by the British. Just six months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, they had been forced to withdraw from Philadelphia. His men were cold and tired. Most had no uniforms. Many stood barefoot on the snow and ice of Valley Forge.

Yet Washington begged his men to stay just one month longer. He appealed to them with these words: You will render that service to the

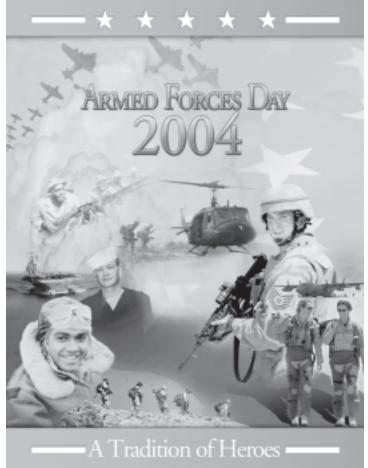
cause of liberty, and to your country, which you probably never can do under any other circumstances. He added that the Army was engaged in the crisis which is to decide our destiny. As the muster was sounded, he heard his men say to one another: I will stay if you stay. We cannot leave under such circumstances. And one by one, they took a step forward to reenlist in the Cause.

It is true Washington's army remained cold and hungry all that winter. But America's Continental Soldiers sustained themselves on ideals of liberty and the right to self-determination. The freedom and prosperity we enjoy today is the destiny for which they fought.

That same sense of idealism has sustained every generation of Americans who has taken up arms for their country. One need only read the letters that Soldiers have written to experience how deeply most believed in their cause. In February 1944, Cpl. Samuel Furash wrote the following words to his daughter as he prepared for the invasion of Normandy: 'We have a foundation which is stronger than the very earth that holds us - the belief in truth, righteousness, and the right of men to live and work in a society of equality." The same hope for a better

world can be read in the words of Sgt. Carl Goldman, an aerial gunner aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress. In the middle of his first tour of duty in England, he wrote to his family of his hopes and of his ideals: "If after this terrible war is over, the world emerges a saner place to live, then I'm glad I gave my efforts with thousands of others for such a cause." Goldman sealed his letter with the words, "to be opened in case of casualty only." He died in action over the skies of western Europe.

But the young people who proudly wear the uniform of our Armed Forces are motivated by more than even these lofty ideals. They also share a profound sense of



humanity. This was the case of Sgt. George Mitchell, whose name is permanently etched on the honor roll of the 1st Infantry Division. Mitchell saw his first combat action during the Gulf War of 1991. Even in the midst of heavy fighting, he could not ignore the dire condition of children he saw in the towns and villages of Iraq. He could not bear to think he and his fellow Soldiers would leave them to suffer under Saddam

Mitchell re-enlisted in the Army shortly before the Iraq War began in March of 2003. According to his brother, he expressed great delight in knowing that the children of that devastated country would grow up in a country free from a brutal dictator. In town after town on the road to Baghdad, he watched as children peered from behind windows and doorways as his column moved by. Mitchell told his family that he had completed the mission he had begun in 1991.

Not long thereafter, Sgt. George Mitchell was killed when a missile struck his sition seven miles south of Baghdad. It is the sincere wish of his family and his fellow Soldiers that his death not be in vain. In his memory, they hope that the children of Iraq will inherit a republic that is free and prosperous - that shines as a beacon in a region so devoid of hope.

And that, perhaps, is the highest ideal that all American service personnel aspire to the ideal of living in peace. I have mentioned earlier that war for war's sake has no place in our Armed Forces. Nor will it find favor in the American way of life. But any peace that comes at the price of chaos or tyranny is equally opposed to the principles that have sustained this nation. The best hope for tranquil relations between nations and between peoples was summed up in the words by Dwight David Eisenhower: "Peace and Justice are two sides of the same coin." Martin Luther King echoed the same sentiment when he spoke these words: "True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." That is the ideal exemplified by those who wear the uniform. And that is the same ideal that should be embraced by every

God bless America. God bless our Armed Forces. And God bless every one of you.

and becoming more confident. In my soul I can begin to see the true meaning behind the challenges a good NCO faces every day. Maybe one day I can become the type of person who not only does Army work, but changes the lives of all the Soldiers who come in contact with me. God bless my NCOs.



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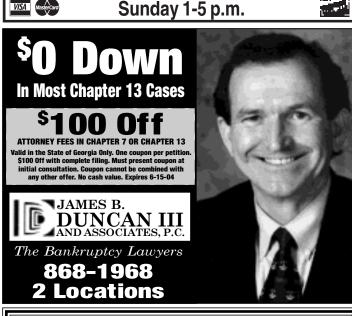
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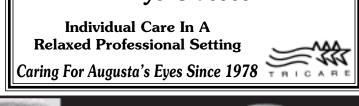


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those guys, a Soldier that everyone just knows will not be able to accomplish the mission

With the support and care I was shown, I changed. In changing, I became more confident, able to function better at home and at work. When I did well, I was praised. In receiving praise, I yearned for more, and started to achieve a higher state of self-awareness because of it.

If you have such a Soldier in your unit, give him a hard time, but do not write him off as a lost cause. If someone is not confident of his abilities, and that point is constantly confirmed by his peers, the Soldier will not have the will

to do better. It is a difficult situation, but the most important aspect of being an NCO is to take care of Soldiers. When that mission is accomplished in a tactful manner, there is no mission a Soldier cannot accomplish.

I want to thank the NCOs who took an interest in not only my performance at work, but my whole life. Without their care and support, I would not believe in myself the way I do now. I have become the man that for years I only dreamed about

My NCOs are a very important part of my life, and I wish I could have them over me throughout my

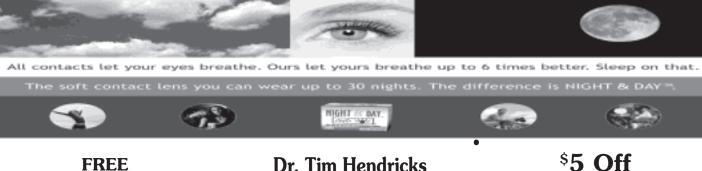
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Army unveils modified Chinook helicopter

Kelly Tyler Army News Service

RIDLEY PARK, Pa. -Army special operations forces received their first MH-47G Chinook helicopter during a rollout ceremony at aircraft manufacturer Boeing's compound in Ridley Park, May 6.

The military's newest rotary-wing airframe, updated and better equipped than its Chinook predecessors, will be flown exclusively by the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), headquartered at Fort Campbell, Ky.

To kick off the event, an older MH-47D model flew directly over the thousands of Boeing employees who had gathered to watch the ceremony. Landing nearby, the Chinook discharged its cargo of three special operations Soldiers and a Ground Mobility Vehicle, which rolled slowly across the flight ramp as the door to a hangar opened and the new brand-new MH-47G was rolled out.

Patrick Shanahan, vice president and general manager for Boeing Rotorcraft Systems, then handed the first set of symbolic "keys" to the modified aircraft to Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Sentiff and Staff Sgt. Michael Luna, both of the 160th SOAR.

"The Chinook's unique ca-



Boeing employees observe the company's newest aircraft, the MH-47G Chinook helicopter, during the aircraft's rollout ceremony May 6 at Ridley Park, Pa.

pabilities show clearly why the Chinook is and will continue to be a central war-fighting asset for your armed forces," Shanahan said.

The MH-47 is more than just an airframe, he said.

Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., also spoke to the crowd.

Kensinger told the gathered

who contributed to the construction of the aircraft was also contributing to victory in the Global War on Terrorism.

"The equipment (the 160th SOAR flies) is what gets the boots on the ground to fight the Global War on Terrorism," Kensinger said. "It is also the equipment that gets them back safely to their families."

The MH-47G has capabilities not found on any other ro-Boeing workers that anyone tor-wing aircraft in the world.

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· Oversized main fuel tanks The Army has approved the purchase of 61 MH-47G airframes. Procurement and distribution will continue through fiscal 2011.

(Tyler writes for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).)

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forces and even space assets, instead of primarily Air Force assets as is the case now.

"The synergies we get are very positive," according to Livsey. He said that the synergy between simulations and live training in the CTCs will be used to train the Army's new units of action and units of employment as divisions restructure upon returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're working now on an expansion of the CTCs' responsibilities to help units reset faster, and get ready for the next deployment. Training in a multi-echelon manner is more important than ever."

Up until now, the Battle Command Training Program has focused primarily on corps and division staffs (except for National Guard units) and the dirt CTCs have focused on brigade combat teams. "We're actually collating the formerly separate levels of training responsibility - both BCTP and the dirt CTCs will have a piece of the training of the units of action," Livsey said.

Another example of the cooperation between the three dirt CTCs and BCTP would be training a division staff through a BCTP Warfighter exercise at Fort Leavenworth while at the same time one of its UAs is rotating through the National Training Center, Livsey said. Action on the ground at NTC would be integrated into and correlated with the simulation-supported training — and vice versa, the BCTP forces would appear on the Army Battle Command System's computer screens at NTC.

Because we'll be a "plug and play" modular force in the future, commanders will have to adapt to working with unfamiliar units on short notice, Livsey said. For example, while training the unit of employment or UEx at Fort Stewart, Ga., an exercise could pull in units of action from other locations, such as Fort Campbell, Ky., or Fort Drum, N.Y.

Livsey would like to train each UA's command and staff element through a simulationsupported BCTP CPX prior to a "dirt" rotation, which will

train the entire unit. Resources will be the determining factor though, he said. "There are no bad training

ideas out there, but there's a finite amount of dollars," Livsey said. His staff is trying to procure resources for the CTCs six years out.

Livsey said commands in the future must be capable of conducting "simultaneous, full-spectrum operations." For instance, one battalion in the brigade could be engaged in a full-intensity fight; another unit in the same brigade could be keeping lines of supply open; still another could be doing humanitarian support.

"In other words, you've got to be able to do it all," Livsey said, adding that's what must be replicated in training. He said units must leave CTC with the ability to face the full spectrum, especially to defeat an enemy in a major combat operation.

(This article is part of a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas. This one focuses on the "Combat Training Centers/Battle Command Training Program.")



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Safe Kids get feet wet

Sgt. Sam Smith Signal staff

The Girl Scouts and Safe Kids of East Central Georgia teamed up Saturday to teach children water safety at Fort Gordon's Clark Hill Recreation Area.

The 'classes' were taught through the use of games so children could learn while having fun.

"The best time to teach kids is when they don't know they're learning," said Rene Hopkins, the coordinator of Safe Kids of East Central Georgia.

One of the games consisted of two buckets of water, one warm and the other ice cold. Children had to stick their hands in the buckets for a minute then try to pick up objects at the bottom of the buckets. In the warm water, they had no trouble, but in the cold water they noticed a significant loss of muscle control. This game emphasizes the dangers of cold water.

In addition to the games and refreshments, the event was used to show off a life vest board. Senior Girl Scout Ashley Baum designed the board to provide children with free access to life jackets. By the end of summer Baum hopes to provide the boards to most beaches at Strom Thurmond



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Senior Girl Scout Ashley Baum helps Jessica Giddens, 10, into a life vest in front of a life jacket board Saturday at the Clark Hill Recreation Area. Baum used a Girl Scout project to provide life jackets for kids at local swim areas.

Lake. Baum helped initiate the project as part of her Gold Award Project, the highest Girl Scout award.

The event also gave Baum's fellow Scouts a chance to teach classes adding to their leadership

According to the Safe Kids website, www.safekids.org, they are the first and only national campaign and nonprofit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury - the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.

More than 300 state and local Safe Kids coalitions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico comprise the campaign. The campaign was launched in 1987 by the Children's National Medical Center and Johnson & Johnson.

Soldiers deliver water to Baghdad neighborhood

Spc. Bryan Kinkade Army News Service

CAMP BLACK JACK, Iraq – A crowd of villagers moved toward the vehicles as they watched the 400-gallon water buffalo slowly cruise past them.

The Soldiers from Battery C, 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment were back, to provide water to the citizens of Sheik Fahed's Village, right outside the Baghdad International Airport.

This was the second time the Soldiers had been to this village. During their first visit they snoke to the village's sheik and He said they would be grateful to have presence, Carlile said. clean water.

hard to get water here."

The children rushed out with giant buckets and old containers to hold the water as the truck stopped in front of their house. Some containers were little, old oil jugs and some were giant plastic trashcans. Most children remembered how the water buffalo worked, so once the truck stopped they were quickly filling their jugs with the fresh water.

"The reaction was a good success," Capt. David Carlile, the company commander, said. "We're providing them a much needed resource.

When the company first entered the vil asked him how they could help his people. lage, the citizens were wary about their buffalo was empty, the Soldiers returned

"Now, the majority is glad to get the reopen again in a few days. "We thank them very much," the water from us," he said. "They (usually) village's elder, Fahed, said in Arabic. "It's get their water out of a canal and it's pretty

dirty. They're pretty happy to get fresh,

The unit plans to deliver water to the village until their treatment center is fixed. "Hopefully it will be up and running in a week or so," Carlile said. Civilians contracted out by the battery are fixing the treatment center.

While the Soldiers helped the children fill the containers, they spoke to them as well as they could. Some Soldiers spoke as much Arabic as they knew, and some of the children spoke a little English back. They also gave candy to the children.

Once the buckets were filled and th to camp. The mobile watering hole would

(Kinkade is a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs staff.)

The Yard of the Month contest began

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Under the light

Chaplain (Capt.) W. B. Tripp 447th Signal Battalion

Of all the human tendencies I'm aware of, our presumptions about things in life have to be the most laughable and yet at the same time, saddening.

It seems that we so often miss things because we see them the way we want them to be, instead of examining them in a critical light which would expose their flaws (and oftentimes our flaws).

I have a favorite old pair of Jungle Boots, of which the lowest layers of polish were applied during the Carter Administration; the leather parts having through the years become harder than Chinese arithmetic. They take only a few minutes to shine, which I also like about them.

Lately though, I've been using a desk lamp for light while I shine them; which has a special bulb producing several gazillion candlepower, and enough heat to cook a steak from 10 feet. Aircraft have been diverted from Bush Field because I forgot to close the drapes.

Suddenly, in that kind of light, the cuts, scratches, creases, paint over-spray, and gasoline spills from many years of use really show. My favorite boots were, literally, seen in a whole new light; what I thought were shoes capable of blinding people with glare were telling me it's time to retire them to the old boots home - "Well done, good and faithful servants." I will miss them.

And I couldn't help but come to the analogy of how Jesus sees us; the Bible tells us that He is the light, and flaws are more readily seen in light. But flaws, and yet loves us

anyway, enough to have died for us. The result is a special kind of light that covers over the flaws; it smoothes over and fills in the cracks and creases from years of use and abuse – from not doing the things we should have. and doing things we shouldn't. And the shine revealed in this light is a mirror perfect finish.

There's an old explanation many preachers use to explain the "why' of going through trials, of being tested, where we wonder if we will ever make it through, and why God would allow these tough things to happen to us.

The analogy centers on the way silver was "purified," (a word which comes to us from the Greek word for "fire") in biblical times. Silver ore was melted in a vessel, and the impurities in it, the "dross" (or in other words, the junk you don't want in your silver) floats to the top. It is then scraped gradually and carefully off the top, purifying the whole batch by degree. The silversmith knew the process was complete and the metal ready for pouring and its final intended purpose when the surface of the liquid was smooth and clear enough to see his reflection.

And here's the application: God keeps scraping the bad junk out of us which rises to the top during our trials. And then, when He looks at us, in His merciful light, He sees only Himself, and not our flaws.

We are not alone. Because even while we are being tested, in the worst of times, we still have God holding us in His love, scraping the junk out until all He sees is a shiny surface, a reflection of His image which He first made us.

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services Sunday

9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel 9:00 a.m. • Gen "x" Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel 10 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel

11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre 11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel

11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel Catholic Services

Islamic Services

11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Eisenhower Army Med Ctr. Chapel 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Good Shepherd Chapel 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel 5 p.m. Saturday, Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

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Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144. Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

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Jonath Fortenberry, 1656-A Elm Court; Staff Sqt. Curtis Richardson, 1725-D Chestnut Court; Sgt. 1st Class Alex Phillips, 1921-A Garcia Dr.; and Spc. Seley Cox, 1923-A Goodman Dr.; Olive Terrace: Sgt. Jackie Dennard, 2071B Mahogany Ct. Pictured (left to right) are Terry Smith, Master Sgt. Sandra Moore, DMWR, Richardson's wife, Lisa and son, Fortenberry's wife Donna, Ziemba's wife Catherine, Phillips' neighbor, Cox, Garner and

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Pfc. Chris Stephens The Bayonet

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Hand-to-hand combat isn't taken lightly in the Army.

With the increasing frequency of face-toface fighting with insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan, Soldiers in 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, are preparing themselves pugilstick bouts, another form of hand-to-hand combat.

"Pugilstick bouts help give the Soldiers confidence," said 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Cutty, B Company, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt. "If they can go into a bout while training and be confident in their abilities, then if they're faced with that situation later on down the road when they're deployed, they should have no prob-

Although these Soldiers won't deploy with the 29th, a nondeployable unit, many of them will PCS to units that do deploy.

"We have the chance to develop these Soldiers' mental toughness," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael George, battalion command sergeant major. "When they do deploy with a unit, we know they'll have the confidence to kill the en-

George held a pugil competition between the battalion's four companies at Collins Training Area has that warrior spirit."

"Many of these Soldiers say their unit is the best — well, this is their chance to prove it," he said. "We want to see who Each of the companies se-

lected 10 combatants to fight in two-minute bouts. "This is what we wanted," said Spc. Kurtis Smith, A Com-



Photo by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Staff Sgt. Thomas Lemons of Company C, right, pounds Pfc. Ubaldo Valenzuela, B Company, during their bout April 30 at the Collins Training Area at Fort Benning.

pany. "We had to prove we are the best company, and I think we did that."

As the bouts progressed, the intensity grew, and the smallest mistakes proved costly.

"The hardest things were keeping your balance and having enough energy for the whole fight," said Spc. Jason

Roark, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "You didn't want to make the first mistake, because if you did, then it would be a long two minutes."

The fact that each Soldier had to compete three times added another degree of difficulty.

"It's tough, because in one bout, the guy you're fighting fights in a different style than the guy you fought before," Roark said. "It's something you have to adjust to or you're going to be on the wrong end of some very vicious hits."

The Soldiers agreed the pugilstick bouts were a great way to boost their morale.

"Most of the time, our mission prevents us from doing fun events like this," Smith said. "It's a great way to build camaraderie and to have fun with everyone outside of the motorpool."

At the end of the day, when C Company was declared the winner, all the competitors congratulated each other on hardfought matches.

'That's what it's all about," George said. "If we can challenge them competitively and bring them closer together as a unit, then I feel that our training was successful."

Guardsmen spot IED, save supply route

Spc. Andy Miller Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq "BOOM!" The car exploded and there was nothing left but nuts and bolts.

April 12 started out as an average day for Staff Sgt. David Jensen and Sgt. Bruce Hartman of Fox Battery, 202nd Air Defense Artillery, part of the Illinois National Guard, attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. The past week had been rough on them. They had been involved in ambushes, attacks and firefights, but today was just another day patrolling

the streets of Baghdad. Then it happened. A broken down car was parked on their patrol route.

"There was something suspicious about it, and we try to check everything that is suspicious," Maj. Michael Kessel, the Fox Battery commander said. "If something doesn't look right, we stop and take a look at it. That is pretty much our (standard operating procedure)."

After driving by the dubious-looking vehicle, Jensen decided to turn his patrol convoy around for a better look. His squad put up a security perimeter as Jensen examined the vehicle.

"We were looking at it through the (binoculars)," Jensen said. "We got closer and closer, and we were checking every angle of it. I walked up, saw that there was a cell phone sitting on the dash and a package on the driver side and yelled out, 'get the (heck) out of here', and ran back over."

The patrol called an explosive ordnance disposal crew to the site to take care of the improvised explosive device. When the EOD Sol- fairs Detachment.)

diers arrived, they noticed Hartman's M-14 sniper rifle and asked him for a favor.

"Hartman was the sniper who took out the detonating device," Kessel said. "The interesting thing is, he's trained as a cook. It took two shots, one to knock out the windows, and then to knock out the detonation device."

With the windows shattered, and the detonation device destroyed, the scene was safe for EOD. They

blew the vehicle up in place. "After the explosion...we drove back and the car was gone," Hartman said. "The body of the car was gone, the frame, the axles, the motor, everything was gone. It was just nuts and

In an instant, what could have turned into catastrophe on a busy coalition supply route, turned into simple nuts and bolts. Jensen and Hartman were awarded Army Commendation Medals by Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, the 1st Cav. Div. commanding general, during a April 29 ceremony.

According to Jensen and Hartman, they were just doing their jobs. Its one of those things, maybe something you haven't been trained to do, but you step up and do it to the best of your ability, Hartman said.

"Neither of us are in it for awards, nobody is in it for awards," Jensen said. "At the time we didn't think about a bridge being blown up or anything. Just like any IED, it would have done

harm to somebody." (Miller is assigned to the 122nd Mobile Public Af-





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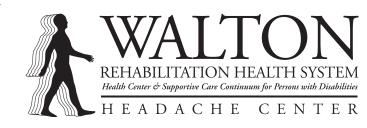
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The Army's experimental Theater Support Vessel USAV Spearhead returned from the Middle East April 30. The 380foot vessel can travel at 48 knots, nearly five times as fast as the current Army Logistical Support Vessel.

Experimental vessel returns from Middle East operations

Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett Army News Service

FORT EUSTIS, Va. – The U.S. Army's experimental Theater Support Vessel USAV Spearhead, TSV-1X, made its first port call at its home base of Fort Eustis April 30.

The vehicle spent 14 months in the Persian Gulf supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom before sailing to Australia for modifications in November.

"(The TSV) gives the Army high-speed unit move capabilities," said Chief Warrant Officer Patrick May, vessel master for one of the two teams that operate the diesel engine catamaran. "We can now pick up a company and all of its equipment and move from one point to another in theater at a high rate of speed."

The TSV, with a top speed of 48 knots, is much faster than its predecessor, the Logistical Support Vessel, which could only travel at 10 knots.

While in the Persian Gulf,

for all five branches of the U.S. instead of being able to carry military and for civilian contractors. The TSV also supported several special operations including transporting Navy SEALs, said May.

Brig. Gen. Brian Geehan, chief of U.S. Army Transportation, was on hand to welcome the TSV's crew to Fort Eustis. The commander also toured the 380-foot vessel and spoke to the crew.

"I have a real appreciation for what (the TSV crew) is doing," he said. "This is a whole new era in Army watercraft and they are truly pioneering. Everything that happens aboard that ship, they are experiencing for the first time."

The TSV-1X, which was commissioned in late 2002 as an experimental vessel, has more than proved its worth, said Geehan. The Army is planning to have a fleet of 12 TSVs by 2012.

"It is a revolutionary transformational capability," said Geehan. "It gives us a huge improvement in range and the TSV supported operations speed, and more importantly,

only equipment, it carries equipment and Soldiers."

Geehan also said the vessel has technological improvements in command and control. communications, computers and intelligence.

"It greatly enhances the capabilities of the war fighter."

The theater-style seating aboard the TSV seats 229 passengers and the cargo hold can carry 820 tons of equipment. The TSV-1X is under lease from an Australian company, who used the vessel for nine years as a high-speed ferry between Australia's mainland and Tasmania.

Several vestiges of its civilian past can still be viewed when aboard. Most notably, the carpet is blue with red and green spackling and the seating is reminiscent of a theater or commercial airliner. Sgt. Gregory Peters, watercraft operator who has been aboard the vessel for six months, says the vehicle is luxurious compared

to other military watercraft. "These are the best living

conditions I have been on," said Peters, whose job is to perform maintenance on the TSV.

The catamaran is made almost completely of aluminum and Peters said this has made his job easier because he doesn't have to paint it.

"There is a lot of cleaning involved though," he said. "We pressure wash the deck once a week."

The main reason the TSV docked at its homeport, said Geehan, is for the Force Protection Symposium Tuesday through Thursday and for the Joint Logistics Over-The-Shore demonstration Wednesday at Fort Story, Va.

JLOTS is an integral element of the Army's transformation, according to Fort Eustis officials the capability allows military commanders the ability to deliver force-opening packages as well as sustainment forces with supplies to any location on the globe. The TSV will be in Virginia for a month before returning to the Persian Gulf. (Bassett is the Fort Eustis

Public Affairs NCOIC.)

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(In BDUs from left to right) Col. Allen Woodhouse, 15th Signal Brigade commander, 1st Sgt. Roland Pechie, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, and Capt. Tony Sherrill, 73rd Ord. Bn., present a check for \$1,708 to (left to right) Vanessa Stanley, Army Community Service director, and Ginger Brinkley, Army Emergency Relief campaign manager. The campaign, extended until June 1, has collected more than \$120,000 toward its goal of \$140,000. Proceeds donated by the 15th Signal Brigade were raised during the brigade's golf tournament at Gordon Lakes.

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Sports news

Uniform policy - All teams are required to wear the same color jerseys during softball games. Teams can obtain their own jerseys or get them from Sports and Fitness Supply, Building 29719 or call 791-7857. Teams have until June 1 to comply with this policy. If a team shows up to play June 1 or after without like jerseys, the team loses by forfeit.

For information, contact Al Robinson at 791-1142 or robinsona@ gordon.army.mil.

Teams are subject to

removal from the softball

league after two forfeits.

Paintball

BOSS is throwing a splat party in the paintball field behind the Courtyard May 22 at 9 a.m. The \$25 fee includes everything. For information contact Staff Sgt. Calvin Cameron at cameronc@gordon.army.mil

Swimming lessons

Registration for swimming lessons at the indoor pool for lessons on June **7-10** are being accepted. Lessons are open to active duty, retirees, DA civilians and family members ages 6 months to 18 years.

Lessons are \$50 per student with most classes limited to eight students. No refunds unless TDY or PCS move.

Day camps

The Girl Scouts' summer day camps at Camp Tanglewood are June 7-11 and June 28-July 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp costs \$80 for Girl Scouts and \$90 for other

For ages 5-11, the day camp will be June 21-25 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The costs is \$35 for Girl Scouts and \$45 for all other girls. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Call (706) 774-0505 to register.

Golf tournaments

The annual Association of the United States Army golf tournament is today at the Gordon Lakes golf course.

Registration is 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Entry is \$49 for nonmembers of Gordon Lakes, \$39 for members.

Register by calling Cathi Murphy at 791-6429 (cathi.murphy@gdc4s.com) or Jenny Morris at 791-

(jennifer.morris@gdc4s.com).

The 35th Military Police Detachment is having a golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. **Friday** at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

Cost is \$40 per player; two mulligans available for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Augusta.

To register call Sgt. Jeremy Newman or Pfc. Danielle Nixon at 791-2882, or e-mail newmaje@gordon. army.mil or nixond@gordon.army.mil.

Opera performance

The Augusta Opera presents Verdi's "Rigoletto" at 8 p.m. today, and 3 p.m. Sun-

For ticket information, call 826-4710 or go to www.augustaopera.com.

Schumacher pockets fourth victory of season

Army News Service

Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher recorded his fourth win of the season at the rain-delayed O'Reilly Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway May 3.

The pilot of the U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster won a "ped-

aling" contest in the finals over Clay Millican and in the process widened his lead over second-place, Brandon Bernstein, in the Top Fuel point standings.

"Like all my victories, this is for all the Soldiers fighting for our freedom," Schumacher said. "What a great day for the Army team. We worked real hard and achieved the desired results."

The Chicago native put up impressive numbers en route to his 15th career victory. In the first round, he took out Rhonda Hartman-Smith with

a 4.482-second run at a blistering 331.04 mph, then, in round two, he posted a 4.477-second pass at 331.36 mph while beating Doug Herbert. "Those two runs really set the tone for what was to be a

Tony Schumacher

huge round against Bernstein in the semifinals," he added. While both Schumacher and Bernstein banked almost identical 4.50-second passes, Bernstein was too quick off the line and fouled with a red light handing Schumacher the final round

"That was huge getting by Brandon," Schumacher said. "I actually felt bad for him, but we'll certainly take the win light any way we can get it. Those were 20 important points given how close we were entering this race."

After watching a 110-point lead disintegrate to 38 points after the Houston event, Schumacher has battled back to extend his lead to 81 points heading into the Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals at Atlanta Dragway in two

"We're only a quarter of the way through the season," said the 1999 Top Fuel world champion. "You can't let your guard down for a second with as good as the Top Fuel class is this year. We have to keep moving forward each race and not let our opponents come up for air."

This is the third time in Schumacher's career that he's won four races in a season. He also turned the trick in 2000 and

(From a U.S. Army NHRA racing report.)



Staff Sgt. Adam Nash, 75th Ranger Regiment, hangs on tight during the inverted rope descent at the Best Ranger Competition. Nash and his teammate, Staff Sgt. Colin

Best of best battle

75th Regiment Rangers take home title

Spc. Nikki St. Amant The Bayonet

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The 2004 David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition wrapped up three days of grueling challenges April 26 with an awards ceremony announcing the Best Ranger team. Staff Sgts. Colin Boley and Adam Nash, both of the 75th Ranger Regiment, edged out the second-place team, Staff Sgt. John Sheaffer and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Wilson, also of the 75th Ranger Regt., by just nine points.

The third-place team was Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Lewis and Capt. Corbett McCallum of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

The 21st annual, three-day competition started April 23 and pitted 19 teams of Ranger-tabbed Soldiers from around the Army against each other in a series of events designed to challenge the contestants both mentally and physically.

Nash said he started training for the competition about seven weeks ago and wasn't even sure he was going to get the chance to compete until a few days before the event

"I got injured before the regiment coach broke the teams up, and I was left out," Nash said. "I was an alternate."

Nash was teamed up with Boley, who

returned from a deployment to Afghanistan two weeks before the competition began. Boley initially turned down the offer to

compete, thinking he was not prepared. "My biggest goal going into the competition was to not end up in the hospital," he

Another of Boley's main goals was to do something for the Rangers who couldn't be here for the competition, he said.

"I think we focus too much on the competition and not enough on the guys who are deployed," Boley said. "We participated to represent the (75th Ranger) regiment and to honor Soldiers who are deployed."

Col. K.K. Chinn, 75th Ranger Regt. deputy commander, said it is awesome to have Soldiers in his unit placing first and second in the competition.

"These guys are dedicated, hardworking Soldiers who competed as representatives of the Soldiers in the 75th Ranger Regiment," he said.

Chinn said the determination demonstrated by Nash, Sheaffer, Wilson and most of all Boley was impressive.

"What it really shows you is this competition is about how much heart you have," he said. "The guys with the most heart rise to the top."





Going down swinging

(Above) A batter with Company B, 73rd Ordnance Battalion takes a cut at the ball during a game Tuesday. (Left) Teammates urged each other on as the game came to the final inning of play. The 73rd fell to the Company E, 447th Signal Battalion Screaming Eagles 23-12. The Unit Level Men's Softball Program is through July 4. The Unit Level Women's program is through June 4. For information, call 791-1142.

Community Events

Asian Pacific celebration

An Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May 27 at the Reserve Center, Building 14407. The luncheon features Polynesian dancers, door prizes and more. Tickets cost \$5. For information, call 791-4991.

Train tickets

The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation presents Train in concert at 8 p.m. June 18 at Barton Field. Tickets cost \$10 through Sunday, \$15 as of Monday, and \$20 at the gate. Advance tickets available at the Post Exchange, Aladdin Travel, the bowling center, Fort Gordon credit union and the dinner theater.

For information, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389.

Road closures

With the ongoing infrastructure upgrades across post, several road closures are scheduled for May and June. Closures and detours will be clearly marked. All closures and detour information is also available on the command channel.

- Now to Monday Rice Road closed on the west end of Darling Hall near B Street.
- Monday to May 24 -Chamberlain Avenue at the intersection with Rice Road and 8th Ave.
- Monday to May 24 Five Points intersection closed for widening. Use Brainard and Kilborne to connect to Avenue of the States.
- June 26 to 28 Chamberlain Avenue between Brant Hall and the upper Signal Towers parking lot.

Warrant officer recruiting

A warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief Thursday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Fort Gordon Army Education Center. The briefing will be on the qualifications and application procedures to applicants interested in becoming U.S. Army warrant officers.

For information contact Deborah McWaters or Ronald Wright at 791-4776/ 6219. Information can also be found at www.usarec.army.mil/hq/ warrant or e-mail marcelino.marales@ usarec.army.mil.

Teen volunteers

American Red Cross is currently accepting applications for the Teen Volunteer Program for teens age 14 and up.

Applications may be picked up in the Red Cross Office located at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Room 3D-09 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For information contact Linda Yehle at 787-6311.

Second Samuel at dinner theater

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theater presents Second Samuel, a Southern comedy by Pamela Parker.

Set in the late 1940s, the inhabitants of this southern town prepare for the funeral of one of their most beloved citizens. But their serenity is shattered when dark secrets are revealed and the citizens of Second Samuel are in for a summer no one will ever forget.

The play runs today, Saturday, Friday and May 22. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$32, for off post civilians; \$30 for seniors 65 and over, retirees, Department of Army civilians and active duty military E-8 and above; \$20 for active duty E-7 and below; and \$15 for the show only

Call 793-8552 for reservations and information or go to www.fortgordon.com.

Armed Forces Day

The Georgia Golf Hall of Fame's Botanical Gardens is celebrating Armed Forces Day with free admission for servicemembers and their families from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.

For information, call 724-4443.

Babysitting class

An American Red Cross babysitting class for youth 11-15 years old will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 22 at the Child Development Center, Building 44401 on 44th Street. Cost is \$25; register by calling the Red Cross at 724-8481. Credit cards are accepted. For information call Pamela Rachal at 791-1305/6495.

SCRA run

The Signal Corps Regimental Association is having its 12th Annual SCRA Spring Challenge 10K Run and 1 Mile Kid's Run/Walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in front of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Registration is \$15 before Saturday; \$18 after; \$20 day of race; kid's run registration \$8. The first 850 registrants will receive a Tshirt.

Register at www.signalcorps.org and follow the link to SCRA Run.

Civilian of the Quarter

The nominations for the Fort

Gordon Civilian of the Quarter for the quarter ending June 30 must be submitted by June 15 to DHR, CPAC, ATTN: Mary Reid, or to reidm@gordon.army.mil. Narrative should not exceed two pages. Nominations are being accepted for GS 9-11, NL 14-15, NS 12-17, WG 8-12, WL 7-10, WS 3-7, and NF 4.

Story hour

Woodworth Library hosts story hour Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon.

May 14-16

Children of active and

retired military, and DoD civilians are invited to participate. The program is designed for children ages 2

Volunteer readers are also needed for story hour. For information, call Liz Knight or Joyce Daniels at 791-7323.

Signal reunions

through 5.

Members of the 8th Signal Battalion, 8th Infantry Division who were stationed at Rose Barracks, Bad Kreuznach, Germany, are invited to the second annual friendship reunion Thursday to May 23 in Augusta. For information go to

The 17th Signal Battalion

www.8thsig.org.

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at

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Association is having its 10th annual reunion Sept. 16-19 in San Antonio, Texas. For information, e-mail adjanssen@aol.com.

Surviving military separation

Army Community Service offers a support group for deployed Soldiers' spouses. The class is from 1-2:30 p.m. the first **Wednes**day of each month in Darling Hall, Room 367.

This is an opportunity for spouses to share ideas and strategies coping with the stress associated with the servicemember's absence. For information call 791-3579/7557.

Orientation

A newcomer orientation is held Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. in Room 367, Darling Hall.

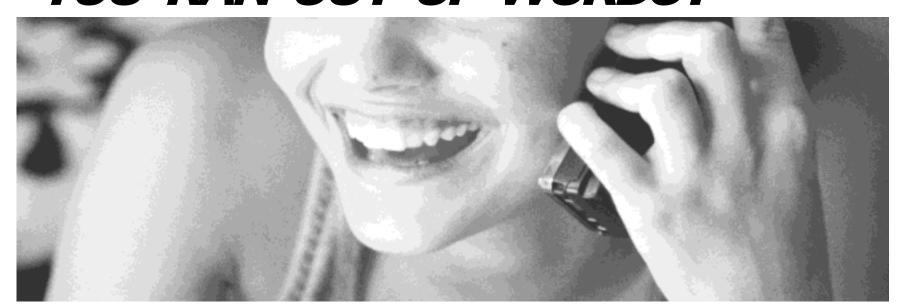




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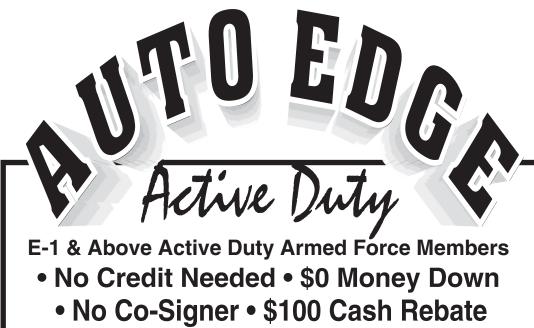
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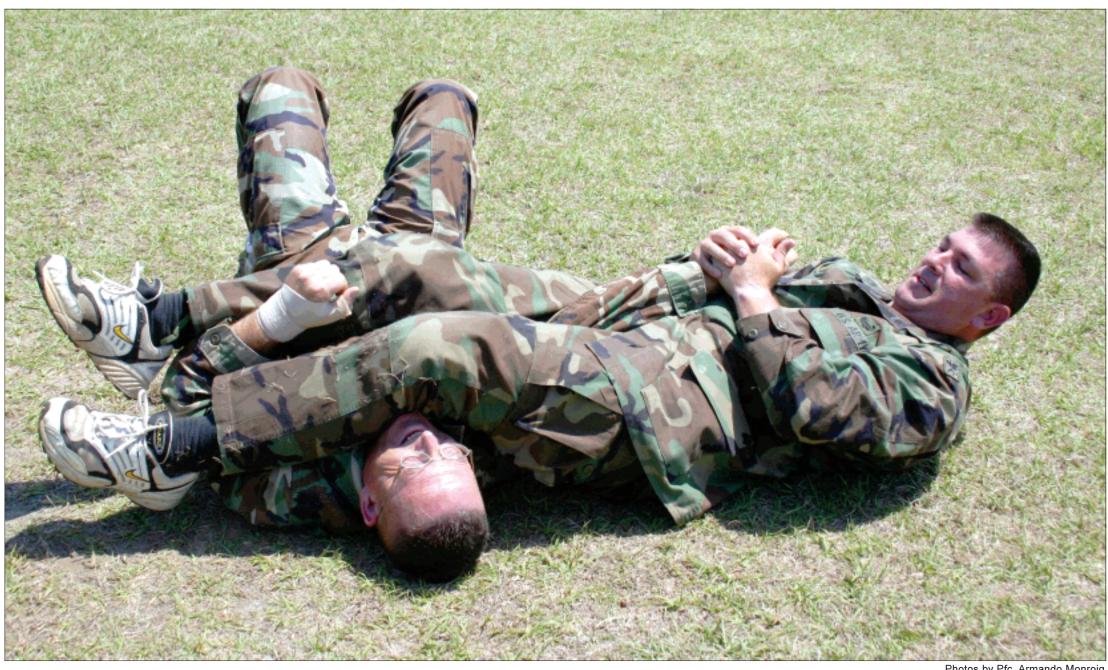
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Spectrum



Sgt. 1st. Class John Landrum applies an arm bar on his battle buddy during ground combative training. During the train-the-trainer class, participants learned basic ground fighting such as dominant positions, and finishing moves from the different positions.



Lt. Col. Michael Allen demonstrates an arm bar as a class participant watches. Finishing moves include various chokeholds and arm bars that can be used to neutralize a dangerous situation and force an enemy to submit.



Landrum stacks his opponent during the 30-hour training class. Stacking is when an opponent has his own body weight stacked on him (as shown), making him vulnerable and giving the Soldier on top control.

Kung-fu fighting

Trainers receive ground combative tactics instruction

Pfc. Armando Monroig Signal Staff

What happens when a Soldier finds himself in a hostile situation and can't use his M16A2 rifle? What happens when conflict on the battlefield becomes hand-to-hand?

Will Soldiers know how to handle themselves? Will they be able to take the enemy out or at least defend themselves?

The answer to some of those questions may be 'yes,' if a Soldier has taken the appropriate training and instruction from one of the trainers on post with experience in ground combative tactics.

Twelve instructors responsible for passing that knowledge on to Soldiers they are in charge of training, polished their knowledge of hand-to-hand combat during train-the-trainer classes held at Barton Field May 3-8. The participants received 30 hours of training.

Seven drill sergeants, three instructors, and two company commanders were out in the hot sun,

learning is going to impact the Soldiers in more practicing different moves and scenarios. ways than one. "They were taught basic, ground fighting tech-"This is training we are going to implement into the Warrior Ethos side of the house to reinforce the things that the Soldiers learned in basic training," he niques," said Lt. Col. Michael Allen, 447th Signal Battalion commander and class instructor. "It comes ight out of the Army (field manual) on combatives, said. "We are learning now, not just how to go through the motions and do it while we are in train-During the class participants learned basic ground ghting such as dominant positions, and finishing noves from the different positions, said Allen, Soldiers and ensure that they are prop-Finishing moves include various chokeholds and m bars that can be used to neutralize a dangerous tuation and force an enemy to submit. Although there is no true certification h r the instructors who participated ir e class, the knowledge they reived and in turn give to the So

regular part of IET Soldiers' training, possibly twice a week for about an hour each session.

"It's going to instill confidence in those Soldiers, and that's what we want," he said adding that it's also fun and good cardio exercise.

"It adds a little methodology to the chaos of being on the ground," said Allen. "It doesn't necessitate a guaranteed win but at least it'll give them a chance to survive."

Sgt. 1st Class John Landrum, senior instructor and shift supervisor for satellite communications and class participant, said its great training for any Soldier who may get deployed.

"It gives them the knowledge and confidence to be able to engage the enemy up close and control the situation without having to resort to deadly force," he said.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Culp, drill sergeant for E Company, 447th Signal Battalion, said what he is